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NEXT MEETING OUR 638th

September 2011

ELKS LODGE, 229 WEST 20th AVE., SAN MATEO
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

THE SEPTEMBER PROGRAM



Big Sir Al Sez... This month's column is a collection of items of general interest in no particular order.

Our September meeting's theme is traditionally **Honoring Our Senior Members**.

This year we will present framed certificates to Roy Byers, Ray Mauss, Jay Plank, Len Stabb, Reno Tognetti and Fred Yam. SIR Area 5 Regional Director John Mason and Area One Governor George Kranen will make the presentations to recognize these significant birthday milestones.

Statewide SIR membership is 18,769 in 145 active branches. Since December 31, 2010 there has been a decline of 122 members and 934 new members over the same period.

Many of us miss the yellow travel insert stuffed in the monthly bulletin since the decision to reduce frequency from monthly to quarterly. Be advised that current travel opportunities are available on the State Website www.sirinc.org.

Also, while you are on the website, the state bulletin, *SIR Happenings*, is available with lots of interesting columns from other branches and news of various Activity Groups. I liked a comment from the Chico Branch 110 Fishing Group, "Our wives love to get us out of the house, so we try to keep them happy." Check it out.

Kudos to John Chiapelone for his efforts with our luncheon caterer in menu selection. The fried chicken was great and this month's entrée should be a winner.

And a special thanks and congratulations to the following for their unanimous election to serve as Executive Committee members and Directors for 2012: Big Sir John Danenhower, Little Sir Tom Keefer, Secretary Kevin Moran, Asst. Secretary Mel Brown, Treasurer Rick Zanardi, Asst. Treasurer Phil Manriquez. Membership Director Rich Arietta, Activities Bill Schmid, Bulletin Stan Gross, Information Services George Henderson and Asst. Jim Crutchfield, Speaker programs John Stahlman and Special Events John Chiapelone.

Al Huber

Our speaker on September 14, 2011 is former San Francisco TV broadcaster Fred LaCosse. Fred's presentation is titled "Your American Freedoms: Protect Them or Lose Them."

Fred was born and raised in South Bend, Indiana. He received an AB from Wabash College in Liberal Arts, and an MA from Northwestern University, concentrating in Television in its Speech & Communications Department. Following two years in the Army, Fred came west to San Jose and moved up through the ranks in television production at KNTV as a floor director, director, production manager and announcer. He then moved into television news where he was a reporter, producer, anchor and news director.

He was the evening anchor at KNTV in the early '70s and at KRON-TV San Francisco from 1973 to 1980. Fred co-hosted the daily talk show "AM-San Francisco" in the '80s on KGO-TV with his wife Terry Lowry. He completed his on-air career as the anchor of "Silicon Valley Business This Week" from 1995 to 2001.

He feels blessed to have met and interviewed many of America's most notable personalities of the 20th century. For 20 years, Fred owned and operated his own business, LaCosse Productions, producing corporate videos and conducting news media training seminars for CEOs and other spokespersons.

Seven years ago he became concerned over the shallow American history lessons that his granddaughters were receiving in school. So, he spent three years in research and developed a presentation that informs Americans about the founding of America. In the presentation, Fred carries on conversations with many of our Founding Fathers: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, Sam Adams, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, Ben Franklin, Thomas Paine, John Adams and his wife Abigail.

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THE SEPTEMBER MENU

Mixed Greens Salad
 Italian and Ranch Dressings on the Table
 Chicken Fajitas
 Spanish Rice
 Mixed Hot Vegetables
 Rolls and Butter
 Flan
 Coffee or Tea

Note: If you have special dietary requirements or preferences that exclude the menu choice at any regular luncheon, don't be discouraged. Alternatives can be made available including a Chicken Caesar salad. A limited number of coffee and desert tickets are also available by advance reservation only, call the **SuperPhone (650 341-8298)** or Luncheon Chairman **John Chiapelone at 650 341-6404** and explain your needs.

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER GOLF SCHEDULE

Wednesday	September 7	San Ramon	10:00am
Thursday	September 15	Santa Clara	9:30am
Wednesday	September 21	Conica (Earl Fry)	10:00am
Wednesday	September 28	Skywest	9:30am
Wednesday	October 5	Poplar Creek	10:30am
Thursday	October 13	Sunnyvale	9:30am
Wednesday	October 19	Willow Park	9:30am
Thursday	October 27	Presidio	10:39am

Please call Mike Murphy at 1-650-345-9731 before attending any of these golf outings to determine space available and changes in schedules or golf course.

THE AUGUST 2011 VITAL STATISTICS

Membership on July 13, 2011	218
New Members - waiting	+1
Transfer to Inactive Status	-2
Members Resigned	-1
Members Deceased	-1
Membership on August 10, 2011	215
Membership on August 11, 2010	247
Lunch Attendance	125
	58%

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS



1 Wayne Klumann; 2 Jerry Graham; 3 Al Christian; 7 Rich Arietta, Ray Lang; 9 Bill Bohannon; 11 Al Fregosi; 13 Ray Mauss, Bill Saavedra, Jim Zylla; 16 Bill Helms; 18 Rich Damele; 19 George Thompson; 20 Jess Miller; 23 Rick Zanardi; 24 Bob Melvin, Ken Rives; 25 Carl Loschenkohl, Luke Lucchetti, Wendal Quan, Harold Seinwerth; 26 Al Blair, Joe Lewis; 28 Dwight Sale; 29 Adrian Cohn; 30 Jim Bell, Harold Lembright

ECONOMIC RESEARCH

Our Economic Research Speaker for September 21 will be Edward Rusnak and his cohort Duncan Eng.

Edward lives in Danville, California with his wife and daughter. He graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology with an MBA in Finance and a BS in Industrial Engineering. He has over 20 years of experience as a corporate executive. The last three years he served as President of Portmark Capital, a boutique firm that provided funding assistance to business owners through debt and equity financing. Edward is an expert in the field of assisting business owners and individuals to achieve their objectives in an efficient manner.

Duncan resides in Los Gatos, California, with Ilse, his wife and their daughter. He graduated from Bentley College with a B.S. in Accountancy with highest honors. He is also a graduate of the General Electric Financial Management Program. He supports various charities such as the Sempervirens Fund, Community Foundation of Silicon Valley and Martha's Kitchen, to mention a few. Duncan's specialty is helping business owners, real estate owners, executives, professionals and individuals gain control and preferential treatment in the key areas of wealth accumulation, business succession, executive compensation, estate conservation and charitable gift planning.

Their topic will be a discussion on the Economy and trends through Q2 of 2011, in addition to expanding on some of the questions sent in by some of our Economic Research Group Members.

Come join us for an enlightening afternoon, and a great lunch. This is what the SIR Economic Research Group is about; fellowship, learning from one another and enjoying another area of life. Call Bob Way, 650-345-7014, and place your order for Wedgewood salad, Filet Mignon or Mahi Mahi with tropical salsa.

IN MEMORIAM

Richard G. Snyder
 a Sir since 1982

William Wanat
 a Sir since 1991



September program – continued

Together, they tell the story of that incredible period in American history [1763 to 1789] when our Founding Fathers came together sharing their passion for liberty, won a revolution, then created a government that works better than any government in history to protect individual rights and to prevent tyranny. They also define the responsibilities we 21st century Americans have to nurture, sustain and protect our American freedoms.

TRAVEL CORNER

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Beach Blanket Babylon is just about sold out. This December 8th show will be the hit of the Holidays!! So don't be left at the gate. There is room for only eight more Sirs. Get your check in quickly. There will be some disappointed Sirs. Especially those Sirs that called me and asked to be put on the roster and said they would send the check. And then they wait until the last minute to pay. I quote from the Yellow Sheet:

"To make a reservation, first telephone the tour escort, then send him your check made payable to the listed travel agency. Make sure your phone number, address, & branch number are on the check. Reservations are on a first paid, first served basis. Your reservation is firm only when the tour escort has received your check." Pretty clear – if you have called for a reservation, but not paid, you DO NOT have a reservation. So those of you who have talked to me about a reservation – but not paid – get your check in quickly. Enough said.

There is still time to get in on one of the great New Year's trips. Check this month's Yellow Sheet for details. Speaking about the Yellow Sheet – I have had exactly zero comments on printing every month, or every other month or you name it. The Travel Chairmen from our Area branches have decided to print the Yellow Sheet every quarter. The next one will be out in October.

Happy Travels

ACTIVITIES

Chairman: Thomas D. Keefer 650-342-7977

AMATEUR RADIO: This Club (SIRARC) is a state-wide organization for all SIR branches. It allows all SIR Hams to keep in touch on various ham bands. The one basic requirement for joining the group is that one must have a valid FCC Amateur License. There are scheduled weekly nets on various Ham bands, including HF and VHF. All contacts and business of the group is done through radio communication. Current "on the air" schedules are: Tuesday 0740 3668 kHz, Wednesday 1000 7272 kHz, Thursday 1030 146.85 MHz, Friday 0900 3925 kHz.

BOCCE BALL: Chairman, George Riley, 650-345-9858. Please contact the chairman for further information.

BRIDGE: Chairman, Michael Clark, 650-347-0919. Please contact the chairman for further information, or look in the Membership Roster.

BOWLING: Chairman, Bill Saavedra, 650-589-1789; Assistant Phil Manriquez 650 871-5009 Bel Mateo Bowl: League bowling at 10:00 AM on Thursdays and Fridays.

COLLECTIBLES GROUP: Chairman, Gil Goodrich, 650 941-4616. Third Monday of each month at 10:00 am at the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, the Schwab Building, 1300 South El Camino Real, San Mateo. Discussions and presentations on collectibles of all kinds.

COMPUTERS: Chairman, Rick Dusine, 650-465-4081. Group meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, the Schwab Building, 1300 South El Camino Real, San Mateo. Coffee and donuts at 9:30 am, Speaker at 10:00 am. Novices and experts, PC and Apple, all are welcome.

DIGITAL IMAGING, subgroup of Computer Group: Chairman, Bob Melvin, 650-342-9080. Please contact the chairman for further information if interested

DOMINOES: Chairman, John Danenhower, 650-766-7478. Meets every Tuesday at San Mateo Senior Center. Play starts at 12 noon and continues to about 3:00 PM.

ECONOMIC RESEARCH: Chairman, John Stahlman, 650-368-1516; johns91@astound.net. Meets third Wednesday for lunch at Crystal Springs Golf Club. Speakers address aspects of business and public affairs.

GARDENING: Chairman, John Chiapelone, 650-773-1552; john1427@comcast.net. Meets 4th Thursday of month at 2:00 PM at the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, the Schwab Building, 1300 South El Camino Real, San Mateo. Wives invited.

GENEALOGY: Chairman, George Henderson, 650-345-7269; Assist., Russell Brabec, 650-583-4985. Meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM at the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, the Schwab Building, 1300 South El Camino Real, San Mateo.

GOLF: Chairman, Mike Murphy, 650 345-9731

STOCK STUDY GROUP: Chairman, Jim Felker, 650 342-8103; Assist. Dick Nelson. Second Monday of the month at 10:00 AM at the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, the Schwab Building, 1300 South El Camino Real, San Mateo.

TENNIS: Chairman, Bill Saavedra, 650 589-1789; Call for time and place.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES: The following activities sponsored by other Branches in Area One are available to Branch One members: Antique Collectible Cars, Glee Club, and Pinochle. In addition, the following activities are in formation as a result of our recent survey (06/08/11): Antique Autos, Beer Tasting, Chess, Current Events, Poker, and Wine Tasting. Contact Tom Keefer at 650-342-7977 (tkeefe979@aol.com) for further information, or check out the Bulletin for updates to this column.



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MY YELLOW FEATHERS WON THE CONTEST!

WILD SHIRT CONTEST



John Damonte, Joe Lewis, Don Brandt, and Duncan Fife were the Final Four with John Damonte finally pulling out a close win.

Someone ill in your family? Do you need a ride to get to our lunch meeting? Can you give someone a ride? Is there something on your mind about the Branch and how it is running? Let us know. **WE CARE! Call the SUPERPHONE – 341-8298.**

DON'T FORGET – CONTRIBUTIONS DON'T GET YOU OFF THE HOOK FOR FAILING TO CALL AHEAD IF YOU KNOW YOU ARE GOING TO MISS A MEETING! CALL THE SUPERPHONE – 341-8298 – AND HELP THE BRANCH TO WORK WITH THE CATERER TO BE SURE THAT THERE IS ENOUGH FOOD, BUT NOT TOO MUCH.

PLEASE clip and mail today

To SIR BRANCH #1
c/o John Mahaffy
4034 Kingridge Drive
San Mateo, CA 94403

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LUNCHEON ATTENDANCE

A member **must** notify the Attendance Committee (**SuperPhone number 341-8298**) 3 days before a regular meeting, with a valid excuse, if he is unable to attend.

Missing 3 consecutive meetings without notification or attending less than 6 regular meetings in the last year can result in **termination**. (See Rule 100)

NON RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION

"All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by, Sons in Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons in Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities."